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Opening of the Twelfth Week in the Great Scandal Suit.

BESSIE TURNER'S EVIDENCE.

Continuation of Her Story About Tilton's Actions.

A VIGOROUS CROSS-EXAMINATION.

The Witness a Little Confused in Dates.

AMUSING TILT BETWEEN COUNSEL.

After two or three weeks of repose and comparatively restricted attendance upon the Brooklyn Court there was a crush yesterday. The sunny morning and milder air filled the streets with people, and before the Court House a great crowd was assembled, while the steep iron stuirways and dark corridors of the Court ed fice were black with disgusted people who could not gain access to the chamber of scandal. The police were severe and peremptory, and the antercom between the Court and the Judge's retiring room was so packed with people that the reporters and jury could barely crowd tarough. Inside the Court none were allowed to stand, so that the excess of people had to crouch down and avoid the Judge's eye and the police. Only one weman was in the court room not identified with this by long attendance. Mrs. Field, Mrs. Shearman and Mrs. Tilton occupied their usual places, and Mrs. Beecher came in between Mr. Beecher and one of the Beecher family. Floor Master Cauldwell was exceedingly pressed for seat room, and resisted with all his might the overtures of strangers to occupy the chairs devoted to the faithful. All the lawyers were in court unusually early, except Fullerton, who came in last, and was soon followed by Bessie Turner, who was followed by Shearman, and met half way by Cauldwell, who took her on his arm up to the platform.

Mr. Beecher looked very well and with unusually good color. He is in a very sauguine state of mind, as are his friends and his lawyers.

Mrs. Beecher came into court at the beginning of the trial with a pale lace, but with a stout spirit, an expressive countenance and all the evidences of her original mental force and temperament. Day by day she has drawn up on her resources until the strong, sarcastic smile has almost ceased to respond to the solicitation of her will. The face is pinched: sleep comes easily to the tired body and

The great subject of the crowd and the gossips resterday was Bessie Turner's cross-examination. Great results were loooked for from Fullerton's tilt with this one of the two inhabitants of the Tilton household who could testily, the other being Mrs. Morse. General opinion ran that Bessie would weaken, contradict herself and make a helpless cripple of her original testimony under the well-informed and caustic cross-questioning of the most unsparing and numble rapiersman who

ever faced a witness.

The result was not a very complete success. The lawyer appeared to know as much about Miss bessie Turper as she knew about hersel; but he could not, for all that, make her change her story. If he tripped her she fell back to a bit of fact, and reiterated that and stuck to it, like a boy to his prisener's base. From this main fact she would skirmish a little way out, but, if chased, returned to the line of security again. There seemed no way to overturn her testimony but to do it by rebutting evidence. Nevertheless Miss Turner did tell a different story in a number of important respects from that which she gave before the church Committee of Investigation. She admitted, without evasion, that what she said on the hight she was questioned at the house of Augustus Storrs, after a preliminary examination by General Tracy, was wide of the mark, and that by refreshing her memory at subsequent leisure, and comparing dates and consulting diaries, she had arrived with precision at the facts of her present narration. These differences are very grave, however, and would appear to indicate that the young lad- had a very poor memory seven months ago events as repeated attacks upon her chastity. Before the church committee she reversed the order of what occurred, gave the whereabouts of Mrs. Tilton and said enough to enable the plaintiff in this action to pursue her out and prove possibly other whereapouts for himself or her at a fixed time. For instance, Miss Turner, before the church commisses, said that Mrs. Tilton was absent at the period when she became subject to Tilton's assault, and described where she was. Yesterday she simply awore that the assaults were in warm weather, in the years 1963 and 1869, and not in the year 1867, as she at first said. Nor was she able to reall any other circumstances. Consequently Bessie Turner's charges are now reduced to the charges themselves, sworn to, but substantiated by no testimony but her own. She testified yesterday that Tilton dictated the letter where she accused perself of telling lies against her patron and patroness, under the malignant influence of Mrs. Morse, and that she (Bessie) then signed it. She undertook no explanation of her feelings or motives in thus faisifying herself. The other etter she wrote to Mrs. Tilton, saying it was a wicked ite that she was carried screaming from her bed to Tilton's, she accounted for by saying that Mrs. Tilton demanded it of per. Her present

leaves Miss Turner's testimony in statu quo. Those who espouse the plaintiff's cause say that Bessie has annihilated what she solemnly related in the first place, and prepared a different story containing the same charges against Tilton while under the tuition of Mrs. Morse others who have resided with her at a Brooklyn boarding bouse. These partisans of Tuton point to the recklossness of a young different kinds of necessity about a matter so important to every maiden's good name and mod-

testimony omits the screaming.

On the other hand, Mr. Beecher's friends are delighted with Bessie Turner's testimony. They May when she appeared before the church commit tee she had little or no potification of what she was to appear for, and told her tale as it occurred to her at the moment, and that if she subsequently refreshed her memory, and has carefully omitted her original mistakes, it all goes to prove her ingenuousness. They also that the fact of per willingness to appear for Mrs. Tilton, her benefactress, at the risk to her woman's future which such an unwholesome narrative may have, is proof of her sincere intentions to be grateful and just.

Bessie Turner's intelligence, promptness and smartness had to be admitted by both sides. course there was nothing more remarkable about her style and grade of mind than has appeared in witnesses of the second class generally, for ever since it became apparent that there would be a suit in court Bessie Turner has had nothing to do but to get ready for the stand. Yet almost every man inclined to doubt her narrative must besttate when he considers that, as a poor girl, with nothing to lose but her modesty and reputation, she has put herself on record to such testimony at

the threshold of her woman's career. Nothing was shown yesterday as to who Bessie Turner to school. Letters were read from Titten to herself, giving her encouragement, ad-

monishment and instruction, but they said nothing

on the subject of paying her bills.
To-morrow the mysterious and bewildering kaleidoscope will revolve again. Fullerton's ability to shake Mr. Beecher's testimony when he comes upon the stand begins to be doubted.

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THE EVIDENCE.

The jury were prompt in taking their seats, and Mr. Shearman commenced business by handing the witness, Mas Turner, a small parcel of photographs for identification. The examination was then continued by Judge Porter, and witness stated:—His (Thien's) visit to my room was in 1868, and he carried me from one room to the other in 1868, on the night when Mr. Greeier was there; Mrs. Titton was absent in New Brunswick one night in becember, 1870; I visited Mr. Beecher to teil him about Mr. Titton's visit to my room; I never told any one before I went to Steubenville, after Mr. Titton had made the charges against Mr. Beecher; I had told others about Titton's visiting my bedroom; I have received several letters from Mr. Tilton.

The counsel then handed the witness two or three letters, which she identified as having been received by her from Tilton at different times. The witness also leastified the chvelopes of the above letters.

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The letters of Tilton to Bessie Turner were read by Judge Porter in a selemn voice. They were unusual in nothing, except in a modified tone of affection, different from that in which one would address his own children, but yet with a certain tone of responsibility for her health, habits and

While they were read Mr. Shearman busily engaged Bessie Turner in conversation, she stooping down from the chair. Thton was in very good spirits or appearance, and decidedly older, sucked his gold pencil and made notes, and Fullerton, all alert to hear and to read, did both and watched the witness as times. He had a diagram of the Tilton residence and coptous notes by Theodore Tilton and aimself on his table.

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Mount Vernon, Iowa, Jan. 5, 1869.

My Dran Libry—I bear that you have been in want of a physician. I regret, but am not surprised to hear this, for I have eiten noticed with pain that you are very careless and teckloss of your health. By and by you will pay the penalty. You will lose your good looks, your round cheeks and your sprightly ways. Bad health is a great enemy to young girly turns them into eid weinen. I should be sorry to see you gray haired on my return to Brooklyn. Unhappiness, too, causes wrinkles on young faces. Are you trying to live a happy life! some times I snow you trying to live a happy life! some times I snow you try to succeed. At other times you do not try, and of course tall. Now you have already had a dector for your body, let me be a doctor for your round. "A cheerful heart," says the proverb, "deetin good like a midwise." I trust that Dr. Barber will canquer your ill health, but it is your own cheerful heart that must conquer your into you know I love you very much and countyou as any will yated every day a will the of thoughthness and hile it away in your heart to make you happy. Yoursever.

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ness. You know Howeven very much and count you as happy funity, steal every day a little of the sunshine and hile it away in your keart to make you happy. Yours ever.

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LINDELL HOSE, ST. LOUIS, Dec. 39, 1356.

My Drar Linner.—I have a moment of lesure before breaktest, and I catch a pen to show you that I remember the girk-who comes my hair; I have to employ barbers for that purpose new. I have been since early yesserday morazing at the largest hotel in the United States. The employed is a picture of it. You never away hall. There is a reserve to government building. It house in Broodlyn.

Last evening after I returned from my lecture, the great house, except a government building. It have been since early yesserday morazing at the largest that in the United States. The employed is a bail there every Wednesday evening. I went in to see the hadres and how they dressed, some of them were in pure white, some in variegated colors. The scene reminded niced in bail at the barre was a bail. There is a bail here every Wednesday evening. I went in to see the world. America is the nichest of countries. It is so large that one must travel many days and mouths to see it thoroughly. Take a map of the United States, look for the State of Missouri and the city of St. Louis; then you will know exactly where I am. I have been much further west—as the as knoss. When I have been much intriner west—as the as knoss. When I have been much further west—as the as knoss. When I have been much further west—as the as knoss. When I have been much further west—as the as knoss. When I have been much further west—as the as knoss. When I have been much further west—as the as knoss. When I have been much intriner west—as the as knoss. When I have been much intriner west—as the continuence and yearnings for house.

I trust that you are day by day striving to live a nobler life, to be more and more agreeable to your friends more affects by look of the state of the weeks to here you for her day to the second with the

The examination was then resumed and witness stated .-- Mr. and Mrs. Titon suggested to mess stated -Mr. and Mrs. Titon suggested to me to go to school to Steabeavillo. Ohio; he asked me how I would like to go to boarding school: I said it was too good to be true; I was de me new i would him to go to boarding acrool: I said it was too good to be true; I was deligated with the idea; he cold me all about the seminary and br. Lee; he said Dr. Lee would be very kind to me, as he (Filton) was well known there; he had lectared there on several occasion; Mr. Thiton stoke to me about it; there was nothing assigned that I know of as my reason for going west; on the first eccasion that Mr. Thiton visited my room he came to the bed; he did not he down on it, but rather reclined; I was lying on the iront side of the bed.

BESSIE'S LETTER OF APOLOGY. The celebrated letter of January 10, 1871, by Bessie Turner to Theodore Tilton, confessing that she had lied in saying anything against Mr. Tilton at the suggestion of Mr. Morse, was adduced and recognized by the witness and a successful effort made to read it again, resisted by both Beach and Fullerton. It came in, and the witness' explanation that she wrote it at Tilton's dictation was given with incidity and aplonib, the witness gesturing rather gracefully with her fan. Next the circumstances under which Mrs. Tilton received from the witness a denial that Tilton had attempted to violate her. Periectly cool, intrepid and with all her senses, the girl related this different impression upon both documents from that which Tilton desired to establish. Mrs. Purdy, who was the landlady of Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Putnam and Bessie Turner a lew weeks ago, was

Witness stated:—Mr. Tilton dictated the letter and i wrote it; i believe Mrs. Tilton was at home that day; we were in his bedroom; he was siting on the sofs bedstead; he was quite well; we were taiking about Mrs. Morse, and he asked me if Mrs. Morse had ever invited me to go round and leit the story to Mr. Beecher; I said Mrs. Morse had told me that if I went and told Mr. Beecher she would give me something sice; but I did not go and tell Mr. Beecher.

After a wrangle between counsel about the form of a question, witness continued:—

After I had told him that Mrs. Morse had asked me to tell that slory to Mr. Beecher, he asked me if would copy that off in my handwriting and I did; I am not aware that the paper was in the nands of Mr. Tilton. A letter from Bessie Turner to Mrs. Tilton, referring to certain propositions made to the witness, was here read, as follows:—

Recontry. Jan. 17, 1871. Witness stated :- Mr. Tilton dictated the letter

made to the witness, was here read, as follows:—

My Dyan Mys. Tiltow—I want to tell you conceiling. Your mother, Mys. Morse, has repeatedly attempted to hire me, by offering me dresses and presents is go to certain persons and tell them stories injurious to the character of your husband. I have been persuaded that the kind whenhold to sow a me by Mr. Tilton for year the kind whenhold the sow a messes were dishonorable demonstrations. I never at the time thought that Mr. Tilton's caresses were for such a purpose. I so not want to be made use of by Mrs. Morse or any one close to bring trouble on my two best french, you and your husband. Bye bye. BESSIE TURNES.

O. Is that letter (showing) in your hand writing? Q. is that letter (showing) in your handwriting? A. Yes. sir.

My Dzan Mrs. Tilros-The story that Mr. Tilton once from and anympted to violate my person is a wicked The witness said it was written at Mrs. Tilton's The witness said it was written at Mrs. Illion's request; Mrs. Thion said in a note the wanted me to see her; when I want there I found Mrs. Thion with paper, ink and pen before her; I copied what has just been read from Mrs. Illion's handwriting; I first eojected to writing on the ground that I would be making myself out a liar; I remonstrated against signing my name to the paper.

Q. Did you ever tell any one that he attempted to violate your person?

Mr. Fullection dejected.

Witness - I have told five persons that Mr. Til-

here.
Judge Porter then said, "That is all;" but commenced to ask another question, when his associates whispered something in his ear and he sat down.

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twelve, and took a drink of water with a pallid

face, using both bands to gold it. There was a long pause, some talk and merry anticipation before Fullerton arose. He had the perfect silence of a large audience as he arose, with his famous eyeglass at the end of his fingers, and uttered, in his liquid, soit, undesigning voice.

Red color, in spots and splashes, covered the girl's cheeks in a few minutes, although they had been pale as if in a fainting spell a few minutes before. She nervously fingered her fan with her olive-colored kids, spread and shut it and peered out at the people in the antercom, standing on tables and staring into the Court.

The manner of Fullerton toward the witness was gentlemanly, but not assuming. His power does not much lie in badgering, but in incision and mastery of the facts and the mind of the wit-

By Mr. Fullerton—Do you remember the time you first went to live with Mrs. Tilton? A. It was in July or August, 1864; I was there off and on lor three years almost; I left there several times; I left the first time to go to school in Massachusetts; I returned the following spring; I lived then with Mrs. P. T. Vining; I remember no trouble with the family; I am not sure. after leaving Mrs. Vining's, whether I went to Mrs. Tilton or to the Elizabeth Street Home; I can't recollect when it was I left the Home, nor I can't give an idea of the time I was there; I might have been there for two or three years; within the time I was acquainted the Home, nor I can't give an idea of the time I was there; I might have been inere for two or three years; within the time I was acquainted with the Thion laming I went to the Edizabeth Street Home several times; after I left the Edizabeth Street Home the second time I went to Mr. Dows' place in Twenty-second street; I was with him from the spring to the fall; I went back to Mrs. Thion's after leaving Mr. Dows'; Mrs. Thiton was at home when I left Mrs. Dows'; I think I came in one day from Thirtytown, while with Mrs. Dows, to visit Mrs. Thion; I san not sure of seeing Mr. Thiton during that time; I don't recollect that I was at the Home in Edizabeth street at all during the winter; the time that Mr. Thiron visited in my bedroom was in the summerof '69; there were two times, '68 and '69.

THE FIRST INCISION.

After a few minutes Pullerton got in the first point on the witness by making her slip the time of Tilten's visits to her bedroom from 1887 to 1868 and 1869. She was for the first time staggered and before she recovered Fullerton put in a letter which completed the destruction of per cheerful-

BESSIE DENIES HER LETTERS. Judge Pullerton then handed a letter to witness and asked her in whose handwriting it was. She studied the letter pretty closely and then said she could not recognize the handwriting.

This letter from the secret archives of the plate. tiff, was not considered by the wirness in the it was her handwriting, and said she could not tell until she read it through. Then she said she did not think it was hers. Fullerton and Beach. both smiling derisively, told her to read it all through. Then, with a suffusion of blushes, she said she did recognize it, and looked troubled.

"She's hurt," said the general public. "They've got her !" Foreman Carpenter went out a few minutes, and the court room began to buzz with talk, while Evarts bent forward and talked anxiously with Beach and Fullerton. The witness sat in this short recess quite seriously. When Carpenter returned Pullerton read this rather pretty letter of

the witness, and immediately used it to force an

anachronism upon Miss Turner, as the letter was

written in the late spring of 1869, when the witness swore Tilton solicited her body. Evarts and Shearman attempted to interrupt. "Keep still, gentlemen," sald Fullerten, "It won't do you any good and may get you into

quite a sur, while she road it through, and there was quite a sur, while she road it through, and then exclaimed, "it is mine!" with an artiess, girlish laugh that captivated everybody but Pnilerton.

The stenographer here read the last answer of the witness, in which she recognized the letter as being written by herself. She explained her recognition of the letter because it contained an expression nobody could have used but herself.

Judge Fullerton then read:—

MY DRAW PRINKED—I arrived here on Saturday evening. It is so beautiful and pleasant. I hardly evening. It is so beautiful and pleasant. I hardly knew what to tell you first. Their residence here is just as pleasant as ean be—beautiful walks, all kinds of flowers and some of the most beautiful hirds I ever saw.

It has been a charming day here, and myself and the rest of the family attended the Epicopal church. It is a beautiful walk from the house, and so beautiful his placed with trees that you hardly need a sunsaide. But offer as I enjoyed the sermion so much as Mr. Bet offer has been as I enjoyed the sermion so much as Mr. SWEET SHRUBS.

But I cannot say I enjoyed the sermon so much as Mr. Beccher's.

I have the prettlest little room imaginable. It overlooks some beautint buts of flowers and as I entherlooks some beautint buts of flowers and as I entherlooks some beautint buts of flowers and as I entherlooks some beautint buts of flowers and as I entherlooks some beautint of the service of the ser

from Ar. Dows'; Mr. Greeley was stopping at the house at the time; I think Nr. Dows'; family left Tarrytown to go to Calhornia; I think I was at the house when they returned; I think I was at the house when they returned; I think Mr. and Mrs. Dows were the only members of the family that made that trip; I returned to Mrs. Tilton's in the summer of 1800; I stayed two or three weeks; I afterward went to Keyport, where Mrs. Tilton was; a servant, Kats McDonnell, was there; I doo't know if she were there when I arrived, or whether she came after; I am not sure of what other members of Mr. Tilton's family were at Keyport; Mrs. Tilton went away to Monticelo; on returning from Keyport; Bound Mrs. Tilton re her nouse in Brooklyn; as near as I can toi! I was two weeks at Mrs. Tilton's after leaving Mrs. Dows'; I am certain of having seen Mr. Greeley there; I am not now positive of Kate McDonnell being at the house when I left for Keyport.

Q. Are you not certain that in place of Kate McDonnell going to Keyport then she stayed behind to adjust Mr. Greeley's room? A. I am not positive if she went to Keyport then or afterward; in February, 1876, I went to Mrs. Putnam's, and I left there in November, 1870, and returned to Brooklyn; the journey occupied a day and a night; I returned with Mrs. Tilton; I do pot think I had any trouble with Mr. Dows; I do romember Mrs. Dows finding fault with my cutting out a dresss when I should nave been sewing; I think that I told Mrs. Dows I had better leave as I did not appear to suit.

BESSIE'S DISCHARGE. The manner of the witness when Fullerton pushed her smartly upon her discharge from the Dows family was evasive and troubled, yet plucky. She is evidently a smart one, with instant faculties, but too free of speech to recall all that she has uttered or to make her general narrative all

consistent. Witness continued: -When I asked for leave to pay a visit to Mrs. Tillon they gave it to me; I do not know if I returned from Mrs. Tilton's.

PIGHT. "You're not the record. You've got another record," exciaimed Fullerton to Tracy at twenty minutes of one, and we all knew that the first conflict between these sincere haters was on The above flerce remark of Fullerton was heard by Tracy with a face destitute of blood and white as the wail. He had been so anxious to preserve the efficiency of Bessie Turner's testimony as at first related that he had forgotten himself and leaped to his feet. He had no sconer said that Fullerton was out of order and had not properly quoted the record, when Pullerton met him with the savage temark, "You're not the record You've got another record."

There was immediate confusion, and smidst it all the chirp of the ever ardent Snearman was heard in the rear, beaving in a brick from that sale distance. Evarts stood up smiling, Porter also mixed in. Beach came to Pullerton's assist ance, and the witness, somewhat exercised in mind, took a double-handed glass of water. The defence showed by their unanimity a feeling that this witness was all-important to make their case. The plaintiff's lawsers finally established by their evidence an incorrect place in the witness' testi-

Q. Have you not stated in your cross-examina-tion that Mrs. bows went to Cahiornia about a month after your arrival there? A. I said tast Mrs. bows went to Cahiornia, and that I thought

arts. Down went to California, and that I thought she returned before I left.

Judge Fullerton then called for the reading of the testimony, and as he could not find any such statement on the part of the witness, the counsel for the detence immediately rose and took that opportunity of calony the attention of the jury to the truthin testimony of the witness. sociates whispered something in his ear and ne said down.

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Bessie closed her testimony at ten minutes of said or several challenges of the witness—it was Mr. and Mrs. Dows who went to California; during the absence the family was composed of several challenges and mrs. Hows.

and also on their return; I received my wages from Mrs. Dows, but I can't distinctly recollect whether it was before she went or after she came back from California.

Evarts arose to save his witness, watching the clock for recess, and said that he objected to Pulterton resuming with the witness, and asking if so and so be so, is not so and so also so." No !" said Fullerton, "I never asked that ques tion." "No," exclaimed Beach, we never say,

Judge Fulletton then put the question—Can you tell me if Mrs. Dows baid you your wages after her return from California? I remember Mrs. Dows paying me some money when I went to see Mrs. Thion, but I do not remember anything after she returned from California.

she returned from California.

Juage Fullerion—I will give you until after recess to refresh your memory.

The Court then adjourned until two P. M.

AT RECESS. Frank Moulton came into court at the adjournment. There was a great bustle of talk and giggle, some saying: - "Bessie bears it splendidly."
Others asseverating, "She has gone all to pieces in the first wreatle."

Mr. Evaris walked up toward the Bench to exchange compliments with Judge Loughridge, of Iowa. Mr. Reecher received many hand shakes. and he laughed with Tracy over the morning's tilt

with Fallerton.
It was understood that by agreement between Judge Morris and Mr. Shearman the plaintiff is possessed of the message the Ovingtons sent through the American Desparch Company Tilton's house the night before she finally quitted it. The message was to the effect that Tilton's aggressive attitude and threats rendered it necessary that she should carry out her agreement and leave his home. The plaintiff proposes in rebuital to connect the whole church coterie with this conspiracy to force his wife into a denial, then to use the denial to tear her from her husband and rein orce the argument with offers of a compensation he could no longer afford.

Mr. Beecher was not in court in the afternoon, although Mr. Evarts was. It was said that Mrs. Beecher's increasing lilness kept them both at

Witness—I am quite sure he visited my room in 1868 and 1869; it was not 1867 and 1868; Mrs.
Titton was away when he visited me in 1869; I think at Monticello.

Judge David B. Lockwood, of the City Court Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. John Hooker and Color Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. John Hooker and Color L. H. Reed were on the bench in the afternoon. Judge David B. Lockwood, of the City Court of Bridgeport, Conn., Mr. John Hooker and Colonel

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AFTER RECRSS.

The cross-examination of Bessle Turner was resumed by Mr. Fullerton at ten minutes past two o'clock. She said:—Raiph was born in June, 1869; I have conversed with Mrs. Tilton since I left the stand; I remained in the house some time after Mrs. Tilton went to Monticelic; then I went to Keyport: Mr. Tilton came into my room in 1869; that was the second time; the first time he came there was in 1868.

Q. Wh re was Mrs. Tilton at that time? A. I don't remember where she was.

Q. Do you think she was at home? A. I could not say positively; in was in the second story front bedroom; no one slept with me; I can't say where she siept.

Q. Tais visit of Mr. Tifton to your room that night made a great impression on you, did it not? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Relate to me what occurred in that room

A. Yes, sir.
Q. Relate to me what occurred in that room that night, when Mr. Thiton came late your room.
The witness related the testimony she gave on Friday last, on this point, almost word for word.

BESSIE TELLS THE ASSAULT OVER. At a quarter past two Fullerton, with Bessie's testimony in his hand, asked her to repeat all the circumstances of Tilton's first visit to her bedchamber, which she did without a qualm, rattling it off in good elecutionary style. It was not perfectly in the words of her original testimony, but all the more effective for that. She said that at that period she presumed she was seventeen years old, and is, therefore, about twenty-turee at the present time. On the whole, she answered with both carefulness and volubility, and left a strong impression for the moment of the reality of the incident. Mr. Beach drew his chair close behind Patierton and watched closely, while Tilton, sitting back, and Moulton, leaning forward, heard with expressions of half interest.

She continued:—I think I recoilect pretty ac-curately Mr. Titton's language; I think I have used the very words that he uttered. Q. have you given your exact replies to him? A. Yes; I gave my very words in reply to what he said.

said.

Q. Did not that conversation shock you? A. I thought it singular and strange; I was about 17 years of age at that time; I thought all this conversation on the part of Mr. Thion about love and

versation on the part of Mr. Thion about love and affinities very strange.

Q. Did it not shock you? A. It was very strange.
Q. Were you not displeased? A. (After health of the part of t

Have you any doubt about it ? A. That is my Q. Have you any doubt about it? A. That is my impression, but I cannot say positively; I remember that he said, "Besie, my dear, you are paintuity modest?" I recollect that he need the language that "People in good society do these things," &c.; as near as I recollect I think I have related all that occurred that hight; I bhoust his language about affinities and physical expressions of love were strange.

THE NIGHT SCENES When Pullerton had questioned the witness for a few minutes after the recess about Tilton's visits to her bedchamber, he sprang to the year 1874, and drew from her the statement that she was in Beaver, Pa. Thence "her father" brought her to Brooklyn to testify before the Church Investigating Committee. Bessie made a better witness after recess than before she took her dinner. In a few minutes she was obliged to correct her eviparticulars and in some matters of fact. Still she adhered to her story of two attempted viola-

The witness continued :- I was in Cleveland last summer; then went to Pittsburg, and then re-turned to Brooklyn some time in August, 1874; I went before the committee of Piymouth church.
Q. Did you relate before that committee the circumstances of Mr. Tilton's visit to your room in 1883? A. I spoke of it on two occasions, but I do not think I stated it to the committee; I knew then weat Mr. Tilton meant by physical expressions of love; I was asked if Theodore Tilton ever came to my room and I said, "Yes, on two occasions."

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Q. Did you state on any of those two occasions where Mrs. Thion was when you say Mr. Thion

casions."

Q. Did you state on any of those two occasions where Mrs. Thison was when you say Mr. Thison came to your room? A. Yes; I may have stated that on one of those occasions Mrs. Thison was absent at Schoharie. Looking at the minutes of the court his vestigation, the witness says it refreshes her recollection that Mrs. Thiton was at Monticelo and not at Schoharie; I think I did state before the committee that when I woke up I found myself in Mr. Thiton's arms, but I was mistaken.

Q. Did you state before the committee that when you found waste you were you asked him what he meant this for, and that he said "the was lonely and wanted me to love him?" A. Yes; but I was mistakon in the exact words; I said before the committee that no limpure thoughts came into my head about the man.

Q. In speaking before the committee did you say "I think both events were pretty near together?" A. Yes, but I was mistaken.

Q. Did you answer this question:—"Had Mrs. Thiton yet come back from Schonarie?" as follows—"No, sir?" A. I gave that answer, but I was mistaken.

Q. Do you remember when Mrs. Thiton was at

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Q. Do you remember when Mrs. Tilton was at Schoharie? A. Some time in the summer; from February, 1874, to January, 1874, I was not in Brooklyn till the summer.
Q. Did you talk to anybody about your evidence before going before the committee? A. With General Iracy.
Q. Did you see Mrs. Tilton before going before the committee? A. I went to Mrs. Ovington's, whether I remained during the day at Mrs. Ovington's with Mrs. Tilton, or went back to Mr. Halliday's before going before the committee I cannot say; not a word was said by Mrs. Tilton about my going before the committee; talked with Mr. Tracy in Mrs. Ovington's parlor about ten minutes before going before the committee; between my arrival in New York and meeting General Tracy I was not asked anything by anybody about Mr. Tilton's treatment of Mrs. Tilton.

BESSIE'S PEREGRINATIONS.

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When Bessie was being hard pushed to know whom she saw in the twenty-four hours expiring between her arrival in New York from Pittsburg and her appearance before the committee the severe Quaker tace of Mrs. Field for the first time relaxed and smiled with a sort of sarcastic triumph. The girl had gone to Halliday's first and to Ovington's afterward, and at Ovington's General Tracy had questioned her on the subject for which she was presently to give church testimony. Tracy set back all the while, a smile floating at intervals over his anxious face.

The witness all this walle stuck stoutly to the

tory that she had not corrected her testimony by reference to Mrs. Morse or anybody else, although she had been in company with all of them.

Q. Did you not talk to Mrs. Ovington for two hours on the subject before you went before the committee? A. Not a word; Mr. Hailiday had not splormed me a word as to what I was to be called before the committee for; I have talked

over this matter with myself, with Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. Hill, Mr. Shearman, Judge Perter, &c.
Q. Did any person, after you were before the committee, tell you you were mistaken? A. I made that discovery.
Q. When did you make that discovery? A. Some time during this trial; I did not hear anyting in this court room that enabled me to make a mistake.

a mistake.

Q. Where were you staying when you discovered this mistake? A. At Mrs. Purdy's; Mrs. Morse wisting e also (laughter); I did not talk with Mrs. Morse about my mistake; she did not suggest to me that I had made a mistake.

Q. How did you find out that you had made a mistake in your evidence? A. I had it and could read it in my own mind.

Q. Did you not have a printed book of your testimony in your possession? A. Alterward I had, but not then.

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Q. Was it not like the book I now hand you, entitled "Romance of Flymouth Church?" A. Yes; it is like that; Mr. Shearman gave that book to me; the book was given to me, but I did not look into it; ars. Mitchell refreshed my mind as to some things.

Q. Who asked you to go to Mrs. Mitchell's ? A. note from Mr. Shearman requested me to go there.

A note from Mr. Snearman requested me to go there.
Q. Did you tell what you could testify to in substance before this jury? A. Only a few things.
Q. Had you then discovered the error you had made in your evidence before the committee? A. Q. Were your mistakes the subject of conversa-tion there? A No, sir.
Q. When was it that Mrs. Mitchell corrected any errors you had made. A. She did not correct any errors; but in the course of conversation with her, it reminded me of some errors that I had made.

her, it reminded me of some errors that I had made.

Q. When you were before the committee you did not state that Triton put his hand on your neck, and you put it away? A. I do not recollect that I did. The counsel read over the evidence given by witness on the stand, and asked her if see had given the same evidence before the courch committee? She replied that she did not recollect that she had said everything she had stated on the stand; she had origined a good deal before the committee; I had forgotical it, (she said) it was all out of my mind.

Q. When had you last thought of this conversation before going before the committee? A. I cannot say; I had not thought of it before going before the committee.

before the committee; I had not thought anything about it.
Q. When did you last recall this conversation that took place between you and Mr. Tilton before going before the committee? A. I remember when I had it in my mind.
Q. Give us the date? A. In 1870; I recall this conversation in the fall of 1870.
Q. When did you think it over again? A. In November, 1870, the time Mr. Tilton knocked me down.
Q. When next did you think it over? A. I cannot exactly say.

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Q. When was it that you told these persons of
the A. It was in December, 1870, that I told

them.

Q. Now, when was it after these conversations which you had with these persons that you next which you had with these persons that you next thought of it? A. The next time was when I went before the investigating Committee; I remember taking about it when I was going before the com-

Why did you not tell the details before the committee? A. The conversations did not be the Q. Why did you not tell the details before the committee? A. The conversations didn't come to my mind at the time; I told them about his coming to my room and about his taking me on his map and kissing me; I related to the committee all that I could recollect at that time.

Q. Was it not your intention to tell the committee the details of the conversations with Mr. Tilton 7 A. My intention was to repeat all that I could recollect, to tell the truth and to tell everything just as I remembered; what I want to say is that I had lorgotten it when I was before the committee.

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Q. Hyon had not forgotten it you would have told it then? A. Yes, sir; if I had remembered the details I would have told the committee all

the details I would have told the committee all then.

Q. Now, will you name all the persons to whom you told this story about Mr. Thion coming to your room? A. Yes, sir: I told it to Judge Morse, Mrs. Bradsaaw, Joseph Richards, Isabel D. Oakley and Mr. and Mrs. Ovington.

Q. When did you make this communication?
A. It was in December, 1870.
Q. How long was it after you returned from Marietta? A. We came from hare on the 13th of November.

Q. Then it was a month after you returned from highests that you went around telling this story?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did anybody ask you to go around and tell this story? A. No, sir.

Q. Then you made it your business to go around and tell this story without any suggestion from any body? A. I made it my business that day to go around and tell that story; my golds around was to tell about myself; I wanted men to see and know Theodore Tition was abad man, and that Mrs. Tilton was not to blame, and I thought that I would tell this story about myself so that people might know that it was he and not his wife who was bad; he had been mult finding with his wife and I thought I would tell my story so as to open their eyes and et people see that he was not such a good man as he pretended.

Q. Where was your home when you went around to tell these stories? A. I was living at Mrs. Tition's house at the time; I started out from Mrs. Thiton's house, I thick, when I went around on that day; I recollect these faces as I have stated them.

Q. Did Mrs. Morse knew you were going to tell. A. Yes, sir.
Q. Did anybody ask you to go around and tell this

Thion's house, I think, when I went around on that day, i recollect these faces as I have stated them.

Q. Did Mrs. Morse knew you were going to tell these stories? A. No, sir. Mrs. Morse suggested that I had better go and tell the story Mr. Thion had told me about Mr. Seecher. She did not suggest to the that I had better go around and tell the different ones I have named. Mrs. Morse was not at the house at all when I went around that day. I had seen her the hight before.

Q. Did you not tell Mrs. Morse or any other person that it was your intention to go round and tell these stories? A. No; I kept my intentions of going around to misel.

Q. You did not tell anybody that you proposed to tell this story then—you kept it a secret? A. Yes, I kept it a secret. I didn't want to tell anybody what I was point to do.

Q. Prior to December 14 had you ever told any other person this story? A. I told it to Mrs. Puthan that he had attempted to run me; she asked me the question; at first I did not want to say anything; then I told her part of it.

Q. Now state what it was told you told Mrs. Bradshaw? A. I told her about his knocking me down on the floor; how I fen; how unkind he was to Mrs. Thion, and then I told ner about what passed between Mr. Thion and myself; I then told her about his room, but I did not tell her any of the details.

Q. Dil you tell any one of these persons the details of what occurred as you have related it here? A. I think I did; to a stenographer and Mr. Shearman; Judge Forter was also present; this was at Mrs. Ovington's.

Q. you told her all the details? A. I think I did,

ovington's. You told her all the details? A. I think I did,

nearly ail.

Q. Did you tell Mrs. Putnam the details as you recited them here as a witness, in substance? A. I did not.

Q. From the time you went around in December,
1870, up to hast week, have you ever told the details? when and where? A. To Mrs. Tilton the
night she came home from New Brunswick.
Q. That was before you told it in the presence
of the stenographer at Mrs. Ovington's? A. I

of the stenographer at Mrs. Ovington's? A. I think so.

Q. What did you tell Mrs. Bradshaw concerning the charge of Mr. Pitton that his whe had committed aculters with Henry Ward Beecaer? A. I did not say anything about that; I never said a word to Mrs. Bradshaw or a living soul in regard to the charge of adultery, and it was not once aluded to in my conversation with Mrs. Bradshaw.

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Q. Do you mean to state that you never said anything in regard to Mr. Beecher? A. I mean to say that I dudn't tell Mrs. Bradshaw or anybody else in regard to the charge made by Thiton against his wife and Mr. Beecher.

Q. Did you not tell Mr. Richards of the charge against Mr. Beecher? A. I did not; I did not tell it either to airs. Morse, Mrs. Ovington or Mr. Beecher.

Q. Whom did you fast to the charge against Mr. Beecher.

Beecher. Q. Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Ovington or Mr. Q. Whom did you first tell that Mr. Tilton had brought such a charge against Mr. Beecher and his wife? A. I don't think that I ever told and body about the don't think that I ever told and

Q. Whom did you first tell that Mr. Tilton had brought such a charge against Mr. Beecher and his wife? A. I don't time that I ever told anybody about it; I did not tell before I went before the investigating Committee.

Q. Do you remember what you did say before the committee on that subject? A. I don't know whether I do or not.

Q. What is your recollection on that subject? A. I can't say; I think I said something about it to the committee; I think I said that Theodore Tilton had told me that Mrs. Thiton had told him that see had committee adultery with Henry Ward Beecher, but I am not sure.

Q. Did you inform the committee that Mr. Tilton had told you he did? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you tell the committee that Mr. Tilton had cond you he did? A. Yes, sir.

Q. When did you tell the committee that Tilton told you that? A. I think I told them he told me that very soon after we got back from Marletts.

Q. To whom did you tell this story first, of becember 14, eithose whom you have named? A. To Mrs. Bradshaw.

Q. Did Mrs. Bradshaw say anything about keep-

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Q. Did Mrs. Bradshaw say anything about keeping silent to you? A. I don't think that she did; every one I told my story to remained quiet, except Mr. Richards, who said to me, "Whom God hats Joined let no man put asunder;" I told the story to Mr. Beecher.

Q. Did you not talk to Mr. Richards about divorce? A. I don't remember.

Q. Don't you remember now that you spoke about divorce to him and that was his reply? Don't you recollect saying to him that Mrs. Tilton ought to get a divorce from ner nusband? A. I told him Mr. Tilton was very unkind and that she was crying all the time.

The counsel proceeded to question the wit ness as to what she meant, when Judge Porter objected to reasoning with the witness.

Q. You went to the Ecenno Post office to see Mr. Richards, do you not? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You reier to the brother of Mrs. Tilton now, Mr. Joseon H. Richards, do you not? A. Yes, sir.

Q. You reier to the brother of Mrs. Tilton now, Mr. Joseon H. Richards, do you not? A. Yes, sir, and I told him the story in regard to myself and Mr. Tilton's unkindness to his wile; I think it was December 14; I know it was on the 14th, because it was on the evening of the 18th that I saw Mrs. Mrsoy's she was around at Mrs. Thicop's that night and there was a number of persons present in the parior.

Q. Do you recollect when you were telling Mrs.

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Do you recollect when you were telling Mrs. Bradsnaw that she made an entry of your conver-sation in her diary of what you said to her? A. Yes, sir. Q. Didn't you state to her in substance that Mr. Thiton and charged als wife or auditors with Mr.

Beecher? A. I didn't say anything about that charge.

(A filer you made the statement that Mr. Tilton had accused his wife of adultery didn't Mrs. Bradshaw say it must go no fortner?

Mr. Evarts objected to that question, as the witness had testified she had not said anything about

ness had testined and the question might be altered—that charge.

The Judge said the question might be altered—'Alter you made a statement to Mrs. Bradshaw, did she say so and so y'.

Q. Didn't you tell Mrs. Bradshaw that Theodore Thion had accused his wife of adultery with Mr. Beecher, and didn't she say that it must go no further? A. No, sir, I don't recoilect any such

inther? A. No. sir, I don't recoilect any such remarks.
Q. D.d you not say you had told Mr. Beecher, Mr. Richards, Mr. Ovington and Miss Oakiev the same story you nat told her? A. Yes, sir, I did, that was in regard to myself; I did not say anything to any one about the charge of Mrs. Thron against Mr. Beecher and his wife.
Q. Did you not tell Mrs. Bradshaw that you had told Mrs. Ovington, Mr. Richards and Mrs. Beecher the same story you had told her? Yes, I believe I did.

told Mrs. Ovington, Mr. Richards and Mrs. Beecher the same story you had told her? Yes, I believe I did.

Q. When you were before the committee did you mention the details of the second occasion when Mr. Titton came to your bedroom? A. I mentioned II; all I remember is the committee asked the question, "Did Theodore Tilton ever attempt your runn?" I answered "Yes, it, he did on two occasions;" I then told them now me came to my room and about his taking me on his lap.

Q. Why was it that you did not give the committee the exact details of the occurrence? A. Because I didn't happen to think of them; I told them the truth as well as I conid recollect them.

BESSIE'S VISION.

Q. Did you say that in regard to the second occasion that Mr. Titton visited your room that Mr. Greeley was staying in Mr. Titton's house at that time? A. Said he was on the first occasion that you were awakened one night from your sleep and, looking up, you saw a tail man standing over you and that you rose up and asked who was there, and that mr. Tilton answered, "Hush; it's only Mr. Titton?" A. I recollect that expression.

Q. That you felt all turned round occasion that you were awakened one night from your sleep and found yourself in his? A. I think I did state it just as it is there.

Mr. Fullerton here handed Miss Turner a copy of the "Great Brooklyn Romannee," and called her attention to her printed testimony, as given before the Plymouth church committee last August, touching the nocturnal domecially meanderings of the white robed plaintiff. The counsel read:—When he came to me a second time and tried to get into bed with me, I got very indignant, and, as he would not leave the room, I went into an other and locked the door."

Q. Did you testly anything like that before the committee? A. Yes, sli; that is what I stated

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Q. Did you testify anything like that before the committee? A. Yes, sir; that is what I stated nere last Friday.

Q. Did you state anything of that kind before the committee? (Objected to.)

Counsel read:—"A. At night; I hardly realized where I was: he must have lifted me out of my bed and put me in his; when I woke up and found where I was I asked what ne was doing that for; he said that he was tonesome, and he wanted me to come and be with him; I said that wasn't right and I went back to my own room; there was nothing said about if at the time; I was quite young, and used to be with aim a great deal, just like one of the children, and I used to comb his hair, and he used to kiss me as he did the other children, frequently."

Q. Was not this in reference to the first occasion be came to your room? A. Yes; I was asked, "Did Theodore Thiton ever attempt to effect your ruin?" and I answered, "Yes, on two occasions."

It was now four o'clock, and the counsel calling the attention of Judge Neilson to the fact, the Coart was adjourned until eleven o'clock this forenoon.

NEW YORK CITY.

Coroner Woltman held an inquest yesterday in No decisive action was taken at the meeting of the Produce Exchange yesterday in reference to appointing a committee of arbitration. Moses Brockheimer, of No. 647 Pitth street, at-

tempted suicide last night by cutting his throat with a knile. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Coroner Woltman was yesterday notified to hold an inquest on the body of William Meyer, who was found dead in his room at No. 183 Stanton street. Yesterday afternoon Kate Welch, of No. 95 Cherry

street, attempted suicide by taking landanum. She was attended by Police Surgeon Powell and sent to Believue Hospital. Mary A. Coughlin, aged forty years, residing at No. 443 Sixth avenue, died suddenly yesterday afternoon, at her residence. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest.

The customs authorities decided yesterday afternoon to release the thirty-five cases of brandy recently seized on board the English ship Syria, for want of evidence. Professor Doremus will deliver his second scien-

tine lecture, on "Creation," at Association Hall this evening. His success in the first lecture promises a large attendance. Martin Goode, aged sixty-five years, residing at No. 556 Tenth avenue, accidentally fell down a

flight of stairs in his house last night and was almost instantly killed. The Coroner was notified to hold an inquest. John Glenenhaven, of No. 217 East Pourta street, fell from the fifth story of the building No.

213 Canal street yesterday morning, receiving very serious injuries. He was promptly cared for by physicians and removed to his residence. Columbia College trustees have appropriated \$4,000 for building a new boathouse, on condition that the aumni raise an equal sum. This is nearly all secured. Work will soon be begun on an elegant two story structure on the south bank of the Harlem, just above the bridge.

No meeting of the Third Avenue Railre leaders in the late attempt at a strike have resumed their places on the front platform, the company being willing to retain their services on account of their great experience, most of them naving served the company for several years. They are apprehensive that another trip is to be added to their day's work—an addition of from two to three hours.

A Lady Washington tea party will be given at the Seventy-first regiment armory, Tairty-fifth street and Broadway, March 30 and 31, in aid of the Sectoring Arms, an admirable charity. Mrs. William P. Lee, Mrs. Tatboys, Mrs. Gordon W. Burnham, Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Sjivanus Reed, Mrs. Dix, Mrs. John R. Brady, Mis. Arthur Giman and other weil known ladies have been active in arranging for the entertainment, which promises to be one of the most enjoyable of the season.

The HERALD has received from W. V. W. \$1 for the four sufferers of the family of John German, lately surrendered to the United States Army officers by the Cheyenne Indians, who, in 1872, murdered the balance of the lamily at Smoky fill Kiver, Kansas. This and all other money which may be received will be forwarded to those in charge of the rescued children, and it has been suggested that a fair sum might be realized for their benefit if papers tharoughout the country should offer to do likewise.

Two young men, calling themselves Brother Gabriel and Brother Michael O'Donnell, have been for some time visiting the parishioners of

been for some time visiting the parishioners of been for some time visiting the parismoners of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Third street, seiling rosaries and pictures at an extravagant price. They also claim to collect money for the Redeemptorist Fathers, with which Order they represent themselves as being connected, and in several instances have succeeded in obtaining quite large sums. The Fathers will thank who-ever shall procure the arrest of these men as frands.

NEW JERSEY.

An accident of a most appalling character befea resterday a stone mason, named James Carroll, o Newark, N. J. He was engaged repairing the chimney of a house adjoining the German school on Newark street, Newark, and somehow slipped, lost his balance and fell headforemost from the roof to the yard of the school, striking the ground with terrible force. He was removed to St. Michael's Hospital.

THE LATEST BROOKLYN MURDER. THE CORONER'S INQUEST YESTERDAY-VERDION

OF THE JURY. The inquest in the case of John Monahan, who was shot dead by James Reilly, his brother-in-law, in a shanty at the corner of Fourth avenue and Douglass street, on the evening of St. Patrick's Day, was held yesterday by Coroner Simms, at his office, in the Kings County Court House. A very large number of the friends of the deceased and the prisoner were present.

Michael Bergen testified that Monahan and Relily were in his liquor store, No. 52 Fourth avenue, about an hour previous to the shooting; Monanan was intoxicated, and very violent and threatenabout an hour previous to the shooting; annual an was intoxicated, and very violent and threatening in his language to Reilly, saying that he would "lick" and kill him; Reilly was quiet and did not appear to be desirous of engaging in a fight.

Michael Carney testified that he was in the salion with deceased and Reilly; Monahan was drunk and Reilly was sober; a man named Murphy struck Reilly three times on the face; Monahan and Reilly were talking, but he could not make out what it was about; on leaving the salion Reilly said he would "nurt" Monahan unless he let him alone.

Several other witnesses gave testimony correctionative of the above. The jury then retired, and after a short absence returned the following verdect:—We find that John Monahan came to his death on the Ith day of March. 1875, by a pistole shot fired by James Reilly, and we do not consider the circumstances sufficiently justification of the treath of the sung said pistol.

The prisoner was then taken to Raymond Street Jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.